

THE NEWS OF NORFOLK ON PAGES 2, 3, 5, 6 & 11.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Pickett-Buchanan Camp, C. V., will meet in hall to-day at 11:30 o'clock a. m. to attend the funeral of their late comrade, J. Frank Hunter.

Mr. W. Easby Smith, of the Life-Saving Service, late of Accomac, Va., has located, with his family, at No. 180 Kelly avenue.

The young ladies of the Baptist Church of West Norfolk will give a Christmas entertainment at Methodist Hall to-night, and invite the public to attend.

Messrs. Walter J. Simmons & Co., the popular Main street hatters and furriers, handsomely remembered their friends of clerks for faithful service performed during the year, and to say the young men were made happy is putting it mildly.

Miss Estelle Persey, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Friedlander, No. 527 Freemason street.

Judge A. R. Hanckel, of the Corporation Court, is in Warrenton, N. C.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Norfolk at the Y. M. C. A. parlors at 10:30 o'clock this morning. A full attendance of members is desired, as business of importance will be transacted.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lloyd have issued invitations to a small reception which will be given to-night by their daughter, who is home for the holidays, in honor of her guests, Miss White, of Abington, and Miss Uhler, of Alexandria.

Captain William Crow, of the Volunteers of America (Salvation Army), desires to thank the public for their kind donations which enabled him to serve over one hundred dinners to the poor of Norfolk Christmas day.

Congressman W. A. Young is home to spend the holiday recess.

Miss Annie Bohlken left Saturday for a short visit to Baltimore and Washington.

Miss Thurston, of Richmond, is spending a few days with Mrs. W. H. H. Trice, on Bute street.

The friends of Mr. Edgar E. Dawes, secretary and statistician of the Business Men's Association, will be glad to learn that he has recovered from his illness sufficiently to be back at his post of duty.

There was a slight fall of snow between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mrs. Margaret MacNair has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Julia MacNair Staton, to Mr. John T. Reid, of this city. The nuptials are to be celebrated Wednesday, December 27th, at Calvary Church, Tarboro, N. C.

There will be no gymnasium classes at the Y. M. C. A. this week. The gymnasium will, however, be open to members.

VIRGINIA MASONS.

APPOINTMENTS BY GRAND MASTER GEO. W. WRIGHT.

Mr. George W. Wright, grand master of the Virginia Masons, has made the following appointments of district deputies, lecturers and committees:

- District No. 1—H. K. Fleid.
- District No. 2—S. Fouché.
- District No. 3—George W. Foryth.
- District No. 4—H. R. Green.
- District No. 5—E. J. Armstrong.
- District No. 6—William Dean.
- District No. 7—S. W. Thompson.
- District No. 8—W. Newton, Jr.
- District No. 9—H. W. Harding.
- District No. 10—P. K. Bauman.
- District No. 11—R. A. Fitzhugh.
- District No. 12—L. R. Doughty.
- District No. 13—L. J. Steinhilber.
- District No. 14—W. P. Jones.
- District No. 15—Sol. Cutchins.
- District No. 16—W. W. Baker.
- District No. 17—W. H. Lawson.
- District No. 18—R. H. Wood.
- District No. 19—John T. Smith.
- District No. 20—E. V. McClure.
- District No. 21—B. T. Gordon.
- District No. 22—W. L. Andrews.
- District No. 23—W. C. Vaneman.
- District No. 24—J. J. May.
- District No. 25—J. D. Bondurant.
- District No. 26—C. C. Farley.
- District No. 27—J. W. Bryant.
- District No. 28—E. L. Turner.
- District No. 29—John T. Parham.
- District No. 30—George T. Darracont.
- District No. 31—J. B. Wilson.
- District No. 32—J. E. Sebrill.
- District No. 33—George W. Buitts.
- District No. 34—Robert Ridley.
- District No. 35—L. J. Oliver.
- District No. 36—A. J. Terry.
- District No. 37—M. French.
- District No. 38—J. Kaufman.
- District No. 39—J. D. Stultz.
- District No. 40—W. M. Ellis.
- District No. 41—T. S. Taylor.
- District No. 42—G. T. Beuchler.
- District No. 43—Joseph L. Deep.
- District No. 44—T. B. Ward.
- District No. 45—James O'Keefe.
- District No. 46—J. L. Easley.
- District No. 47—W. J. Kendrick.
- District No. 48—H. M. Miles.
- District No. 49—W. S. Cox.
- District No. 50—W. N. McNell.

Committee on Work—C. G. Davis, Lecturer Division No. 3 (Grand Lecturer); Parke Jones, Lecturer Division No. 1; William Gibson, Jr., Lecturer Division No. 2; J. C. Prunner, Lecturer Division No. 4; Lewis G. Bell, W. T. Rea, George W. Forsyth, Henry L. Turner, James Bowman.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Joseph W. Eggleston, James E. Alexander, W. Chase Morton.

Committee on History—S. J. Quinn, George H. Ray, S. D. Davis.

Stewards' Committee—S. B. Jacobs, J. F. Mayer, H. Calder, E. G. Tompkins, W. M. Williams, Thomas Whitlitt, W. R. Mason.

Employees Entertained.

Messrs. Schwartz and Slaman and two others of the clerical force of Miller, Rhoads & Co.'s store visited Richmond and Petersburg Christmas day at the invitation of the heads of the firm, and were elegantly entertained by each of the name-firm in turn. They returned home on the late train via Norfolk and Western Railroad.

The Modern Mother.

Had found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Flgs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Flgs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

The old folks are waiting for you Christmas, go to the Seaboard Air Line. One and one-third fares round trip. Tickets good for two weeks, if purchased December 22d.

AMUSEMENTS.

"TOWN TOPICS."

Two performances of the above play were given at the Academy of Music Christmas Day.

"A COUNTRY MERCHANT."

The Academy of Music offers for to-day, matinee and night, McKee Rankin's comedy-drama, "A Country Merchant," with Mr. Charles Cowles in the stellar part. An attraction of high caliber is promised, with new musical features, a strong cast and first-class specialties. Mr. Cowles has added much to his reputation in this role, which is said to be one of the strongest he has ever attempted.

"WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES."

"What Happened to Jones," George H. Bronhurst's farce, which had a four months' run at the Bijou Theater, New York, comes to the Academy of Music, New Year's day, matinee and night, is described by a well-known metropolitan writer as an "18-karat comedy without a flaw." The company includes John Allison, H. G. Hockey, H. W. Montgomery, Louis Reinhardt, Joseph McKever, Charles Chorton, Charles Green, Florence Marion, Lillian Young, Olive McConnell, Ethel Herslett, Marie Haynes and Maud Allison.

Sale of seats will commence Friday morning. Regular prices.

A Great Curiosity at Y. M. C. A.

Messrs. Johnson & McDowell have placed one of their beautiful created crystal fountains and the wonderful cave scene on exhibition in the Association building during the holidays. Every one who sees these works of art and mechanical ingenuity are delighted with them. All citizens are cordially invited to call and inspect the exhibit, day or evening.

Next Monday, January 1, this association will keep open house to all citizens from 2 to 10 p. m. An interesting musical and literary entertainment program is in course of preparation.

The next number of the association's Star Course will be given by the Helen Reed String Quartette and Nellie Ames Horv Friday, January 5th.

The educational classes and gymnasium classes will be renewed after Monday of next week.

Will Play With Mr. Young.

Mr. C. W. N. Trice is home from Richmond, where he has taken a course of instruction in Mr. Pierson's dramatic art school. He has also studied in this line in New York during the past year, and having been very successful, has been offered a position with James Young, the talented Shakespearean actor, which he has accepted. Miss Mary E. Thurston, late instructress in elocution at the Norfolk College for Young Ladies, has also accepted a position with Mr. Young, and these talented young people will appear here January 19th and 20th in a production of Mr. Young's new play, "Lord Byron."

Their appearance here will be awaited with much interest. Miss Thurston is a Richmond young lady, but has spent considerable of her time and talent in Norfolk. Mr. Trice is the son of Mr. W. H. H. Trice.

Refused to Stand Sponsor.

As the Norfolk and Western train from Petersburg arrived at Myrtle Christmas night a tall and well-proportioned gentleman boarded the train and with him a small boy, who was under his protection. The stranger told the story the lad told him. He said he lived in Suffolk, and a stranger had taken him to ride and left him there stranded. The big-hearted man paid his way to Suffolk. The conductor smiled at the story and after the train left Suffolk searched the front end of the train. His suspicion was rewarded by finding the youngster stowed away. He put him off at Tucker, the B. H. M. refusing to sponsor any longer. The lad finally said he belonged in Petersburg and was heading his way to Norfolk.

Cibson's Pictures.

These beautiful and highly instructive tableaux, which have been presented more than one hundred times in New York and many of the larger Northern cities to hundreds of delighted audiences, will be exhibited at Monticello Hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the King's Daughters of New Kelcey, of Hamilton College, New York, who has had much experience in these entertainments. These tableaux will be interspersed with music and readings in elocution. A rehearsal of the cast was given at the residence of Mr. Julian Russell, Lovitt avenue, Brambleton Ward, last night and proved very satisfactory. The costumes are handsome and up-to-date in style.

Four Generations Celebrate.

Four generations celebrated Christmas with a Christmas tree and general good time at the home of Rev. James A. Spiers, in Prince George county, Monday. Among those present were children and grandchildren from Centerville, Va.; Wilson, N. C.; Petersburg and Norfolk, Va.; and Prince George and Dinwiddie counties. From Norfolk were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. R. Russell and family. Mrs. Russell was a Miss Spiers.

Sham Battle With Fireworks.

At Windsor Christmas night the boys fought a sham-battle in the open field near the railroad station. Roman candles were the artillery and fire-crackers and squibs the infantry fire. It looked dangerous sport, but not only the lads, but a large crowd of the townspeople enjoyed the fun and as no one was injured the sport had the merit of novelty and beauty to its credit.

Tickets on sale for the Christmas holidays by the Seaboard Air Line, December 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th; also December 30th and 31st, 1899, and January 1st, 1900, good until January 4th, inclusive.

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Meeting of the Norfolk Presbytery.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Norfolk yesterday morning, in the Second Church, the commissioners from that church were authorized to go before the Chesapeake Presbytery, which meets in Alexandria or Washington Thursday, and formally present the call of their church to Rev. Ernest J. Hamlin. The call will be presented by Mr. Luther Sheldon. Among the ministers present at the Presbytery were Revs. Wood and McLoughlin, of Hampton.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

INTERESTING MEETING OF PICKETT-BUCHANAN CAMP.

The regular monthly meeting of Pickett-Buchanan Camp of Confederate Veterans was held in its hall last evening at 8 o'clock.

A copy of a bill introduced in the Legislature of Virginia, proposing to revise the pensions of disabled ex-Confederates, was referred to the Committee on Laws and Appeals for report at the next meeting of the camp.

General orders Nos. 1 and 2, from the Grand Camp, C. V., Department of Virginia, announcing the officers elected at the twelfth annual meeting in October last, and other matters, were read and filed.

The following report of a special committee was read and unanimously adopted:

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 27, 1899. To Pickett-Buchanan Camp, C. V.: Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Colonel R. L. Mhuiry and an amendment thereto, presented by Colonel James Mann, D. vision Commander of United Sons of Veterans, at the last annual meeting of the Grand Camp at Pulaski, Va., beg leave to report as follows:

We advocate the hearty endorsement of the amendment offered by Colonel James Mann in resolutions 1, 2 and 3, which were adopted by the Grand Camp, and to the end that resolutions 1 and 2 may be carried into practical effect by our own camp, we recommend that prompt measures be adopted to arrange for a meeting with us of the sons and other male descendants of Confederate veterans; that some suitable special attractions be provided for the occasion by the committee on entertainment; that the oratory select and secure speakers to deliver appropriate addresses, and that special invitations be sent to all members of the organization already formed, known as the Pickett-Buchanan Camp of Sons of Veterans.

Ten report, after adoption, was returned to the committee to carry out its suggestions.

The special committee on the Cunningham-Underwood controversy was requested to present its report to the camp at its next meeting.

The camp decided to observe the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, January 19th next, in the usual manner, and the following committees were appointed:

Finance—T. S. Garnett, R. A. Dobie, R. C. White, J. R. Briggs, H. P. Drummond, R. Henry Jones, W. B. Browne.

Orator and Toasts—Washington Taylor, Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, W. F. Irvine.

On Banquet—E. M. Henry, John T. Hargroves, A. J. Goodrich.

The death of Comrade J. Frank Hunter was announced, when, on motion, a page of the record was dedicated to his memory and a letter of sympathy directed sent to his family. The camp was ordered called at 11:30 o'clock this morning to attend Comrade Hunter's funeral.

Comrade George W. Wilson presented on behalf of Comrade James Wilkinson a pencil sketch of the winter quarters of Garnett's Battalion Light Artillery in Albemarle county, Va., the winter of 1863-'64.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Comrade Wilkinson.

The camp then adjourned.

A Birthday Party.

Miss Blanche Parker gave a party at the home of her parents, No. 545 East Main street, last night in celebration of her sixteenth birthday, which came on Christmas day. A number of her young friends were present and games and music were enjoyed. The young ladies were Misses Hazel Barrett, Katie and Laura Anderson, Johnnie Lassiter, Genie Green, Blanche Halstead, Sadie Taper, Emma Jenkins, Carrie Cherry, and Katie Halstead. The young gentlemen were: Charley Lupsey, George W. Phillips, Lester Paine, Zella Daniels, Charley Cotton, Arthur Duesch, Charley Fisher, Dock Prosser and Linwood Barrett.

Suits for Divorce.

Two divorce suits were entered in the Court of Law and Chancery yesterday. Guy Johnson asks for absolute divorce from his wife, Mrs. Ella Johnson. Statutory grounds will be alleged in the bill, which has not yet been filed. Borland & Wilcox are plaintiffs counsel.

Through Hugh G. Miller Mrs. L. Nora Morgan filed a suit, asking for absolute divorce from her husband, John S. Morgan. The bill sets forth that she was married to the defendant in Bethel, Perquimans county, North Carolina, in 1888, under the maiden name of L. Nora Simpson, and that she lived with him until June this year.

An Engagement Party.

An engagement party was given at the residence of Mr. S. Yaffy, No. 614 Church street, last night by Mr. Jacob Crockin and Miss Ida E. Beskin. The house was handsomely decorated, and there were a number of the friends of the young couple present. Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Balser, all of Newport News. Mr. Crockin is a member of the firm of H. Crockin & Co. Miss Beskin is a well-known young lady.

New Fire Equipment.

The Fire Committee of Councils will open bids for a new fire engine and truck January 10th. The Councils appropriated \$7,500 for the purchase of this equipment. A new fire engine-house will be the next improvement the committee will strike for.

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Fire Chief Webber Piped.

The crew of No. 3 Fire Engine House made Assistant Chief Webber a happy man Christmas by presenting to that gallant official a very valuable mechanical pipe, in token of their esteem and affection. The presentation speech was made by Captain Lannigan, and Mr. Weber responded happily. The occasion was a very pleasant one.

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Dr. Lloyd Preaches at St. Luke's.

Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the Episcopal Church of America, who is here spending the Christmas with his family, preached morning and night for his old congregation Sunday and also at the service Christmas morning. The church was prettily decorated in honor of the Advent season.

Union Mission Temperance Meeting.

An interesting and profitable meeting was held by the Lady Somerset "Y" at the Union Mission last night. Talks on temperance were made by Mr. Morgan and Rev. Harry Walton. There were a number of signers to the temperance pledge.

City's Public Buildings.

A meeting of the Public Buildings Committee was held yesterday afternoon, at which the monthly routine business was transacted. Some of the fire insurance policies on the public buildings will expire soon and will be renewed at the same rates.

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\$35.00 Electric Seal Collarette, Marten trimmed, large tails, \$15.00.
\$20.00 Collarettes, 6 styles, \$7.50.
\$10.00 Electric Seal Collarettes, \$4.25.
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